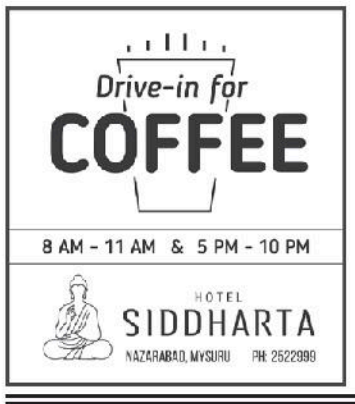

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> —K.B. Ganapathy

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&BS)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) continues to face criticism for its persistent failure to fulfil its primary obligation to address the needs of the rapidly expanding Mysuru city. The anticipation surrounding the forthcoming annual Budget presentation for 2024-25, scheduled for Feb. 28, underscores the heightened expectations of the populace. Key facets of MUDA's mandate include the systematic advancement of Mysuru, renowned as the Cultural Capital, through structured urban planning, the development of residential areas in tandem with the city's population growth and the allocation of plots or housing units to eligible persons.

Originally established in 1904 as the City Improvement Trust Board (CITB) by the then Maharaja of Mysore, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, it underwent amalgamation with the Mysuru City Planning Authority in 1987, under the Karnataka Urban Authorities Act. Consequently, it assumed the appellation MUDA on May 16, 1988.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 23rd February 2024

Dr. Samir Shah becomes first Indian-origin BBC Chairman

London, Feb. 23 (Agencies)- India-born media executive Dr. Samir Shah was yesterday confirmed as the new BBC Chairman after his selection cleared the stages of scrutiny to be approved by King Charles III this week.

Dr Samir Shah

Dr. Shah, who has worked in UK broadcasting for over 40 years, was picked as the government's preferred candidate in December last year and went on to be quizzed by cross-party MPs of the House of Commons Media Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee for his pre-appointment scrutiny.

The 72-year-old has now been confirmed in the 160,000 pounds per year and four-year term role to take charge as BBC's first Indian-origin Chair from Mar. 4 and running until Mar. 2028.

"With a career spanning more than 40 years in TV production and journalism, Dr. Shah has a wealth of experience to bring to the position of BBC Chair," said UK Culture Secretary Lucy Frazer as she announced his selection. "He has a clear ambition to see BBC succeed in a rapidly changing media landscape, and I have no doubt he will provide the support and scrutiny that BBC needs to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future," she said.

Dr. Shah, who was honoured with a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth II in 2019 for services to television and heritage, will replace Richard Sharp who had been forced to resign after a communication with former PM Boris Johnson came under scrutiny.

"The BBC is, without doubt, one of the greatest contributions we have made to global culture and one of our strongest calling cards on soft power. If I am able to put what skills, experience, and understanding of public service broadcasting I have built up during my career to help this brilliant organisation meet the complex and diverse challenges it faces over the coming years, it would be an honour," said Dr. Shah.

Born in Aurangabad, Dr. Shah came to England in 1960 and has previously been the head of current affairs and political programmes at the BBC.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The truth is that you cannot give up a desire, you can only take up a higher one. Then the lower will lose its lustre. But the object will come to you only because you have gained merit. The greatest of people only gained merit. Einstein, for instance, was dedicated to Physics. The Nobel Prize came to him.

Where does desire come from? When do you feel hungry? When your stomach is empty. Desire comes from emptiness. You seek objects to fill that emptiness. In spite of fulfilling many desires the emptiness does not go. Because it is not real. Even as you experience a void you are full, totally full. You don't know it.

So, you do not need objects from the world, you need knowledge of your fullness. When a child gets separated from his wealthy parents and grows up as a beggar, he does not need alms. He needs to know he is a millionaire. Then his life improves dramatically.

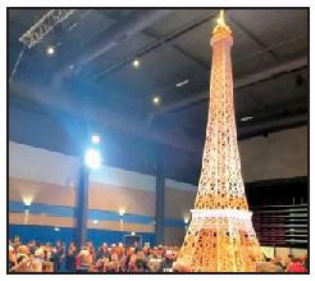
We are not just millionaires, we are 'infinitaires'. Ignorant of our real worth we ask for paltry, petty things. Gain knowledge and your life changes miraculously.

Upgrade your desires. For how long will you remain in the kindergarten of life, oblivious to higher joys? Pick an emotional desire, your happiness multiplies. When any family member does well you rejoice. Move to an intellectual desire. Connect with the country and you celebrate the achievement of all Indians. Your happiness increases 1.4 billion times.

—Jaya Row in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Reversal: Guinness record to matchstick Eiffel Tower



New York: Richard Plaud, a Frenchman who has dreamed of building the world's tallest matchstick sculpture, made headlines when Guinness World Records rejected his huge model of the Eiffel Tower, saying Plaud broke the rules.

But after an official review, "it seems that we have been heavy-handed in application of our rules in this case," Guinness World Records Director of Central Records Services Mark McKinley said as Guinness announced the reversal and named Plaud as record holder.

The 1:45 scale model stands 7.19 metres (a little taller than 23.5 feet). It took Plaud years (and more than 700,000 matchsticks) to build the finely detailed structure. Guinness records had initially said that materials Plaud used were too different from standard matchsticks you can buy in a store and had rejected the record.

Sniffer dog helps rediscover a rare mole

Pretoria: Scientists in South Africa have rediscovered 11 De Winton's golden moles, which haven't been seen since 1936. The tiny blind creatures have an iridescent coat and live largely underground. They appear to "swim" through sand, finding their way using sound and vibration. That helps them avoid being seen from the surface and explains why they were feared to have been wiped out.

The team included researchers from EWT and the University of Pretoria. They used a trained border collie to sniff out traces of the De Winton's in the last place they'd been spotted - Port Nolloth Beach and the dog, named Jessie, was able to pick up the scent of moles and their tunnels.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Umbilical hernias with defects less than 3cm may be operated by "scarless"/invisible scar technique using minimally invasive mesh patch repair without the use of laparoscopy.

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology
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EPFO's District Outreach Programme

Mysuru, Feb. 23- The District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 will be conducted by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, on Feb. 27 from 9 am onwards at Taluk Panchayat Office, T. Narasipur taluk, Mysuru district, along with the Registrar, Adichunchanagiri University, B.G. Nagara, Nagamangala taluk, Mandya and District Health & Family Welfare Society, District Administration Building, 3rd Floor, Room No. 312, Chamarajanagar district.

Stakeholders like PF Members, Pensioners, Employers etc., may attend the programme for awareness, queries and information. For details, contact PRO on Ph: 0821-2599200/222 or e-mail: *ro.mysore@epfindia.gov.in* or visit Social Media Platform *(@epfomysore)* of Regional Office, Mysuru.

Workshop at Heritage House tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Heritage House, Mysuru, is organising a workshop about self-love, healing, relationships aid synergy of spirituality and technology, by Dr. K. Surekha, Reiki Master, Adamya Reiki Centre, on Saturday (Feb.24) at 4 pm at the Heritage House, near Kukkarahalli. For registration contact Mob: 87227-04400.

Heritage House is also organising a Kannada poetry reading event 'Lahari' on Sunday (Feb. 25) at 10 am at its premises.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Make footpaths across city walkable

Sir,

Although more interest is shown in making roads, widening them, re-tarring or over and over-asphalting already in good condition roads, not an iota of thought is given to improve the side walks in our beautiful city.

Footpaths are indeed in a very bad shape mostly where shopping is done. Most uneven, rugged, stoney footpaths where one can hardly walk with comfort are found all around city.

Moreover the meridians in the Ring Road junctions de-marking the service roads has to be fully extended so that service road traffic is not disturbed.

This problem is more visible in the Bogadi traffic junction where all the vehicles going towards Hebbal and waiting at the signal point completely block the service road not allowing other vehicles to get in or get out of the service road.

These types of problems need to be attended to by the authorities concerned on priority basis.

—Kala Chary
Bogadi
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'JSS Nanom' nanosatellite set for ISRO launch in April

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (BS)- Four institutions of JSS Mahavidyapeetha have joined hands to launch a nanosatellite in April 2024.

A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, told media persons here on Tuesday that "The nanosatellite named 'JSS Nanom' is being launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to study the effects and reactions of medicine in the space."

The satellite weighs 1.25 kg and was built at the cost of Rs. 1.25 crore exceeding the estimated cost of Rs. 80 lakh due to the delays associated with the project, waiting for components to be imported from Russia. Hence, the earlier plan to launch the satellite in November 2023 had to be postponed."

Some of the alumni of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), now a part of JSS-STU and associated with the project at ISRO, have also done their mite for the success of the project, he added.

PFA vaccinates 68 horses in Mysuru, Srirangapatna

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (BCT)- People For Animals (PFA), Mysuru, in partnership with World Wide Veterinary Service (WWVS), held a free biannual medical horse camp on Feb. 20 and 21.

On Feb. 22, the initiative extended to Srirangapatna, where PFA and WWVS veterinarians attended to equine residents. The primary objective of this endeavour was to deliver crucial medical assistance to the working Tonga horses of Mysuru and Srirangapatna, whose needs are often overlooked.

A dedicated team of veterinary professionals led the camp at both locations, including Dr. Shivani, farrier Sam, veterinary assistant Magendaran and PFA representatives Dr. Sandeep Singh, Murthy and Managing Trustee Savitha Nagabhushan.

In all, 68 horses received essential tetanus vaccinations, with 37 in Mysuru and 31 in Srirangapatna. Additionally, all 68 horses underwent deworming procedures, enhancing their overall health and shielding them from parasitic infections. Two horses in Srirangapatna underwent dental floating, ensuring their comfort and proper eating ability. The team addressed specific cases of wounds and lameness, providing immediate relief and mitigating the risk of further complications. Free mineral mixtures were distributed to Tonga horse owners, accompanied by educational sessions emphasising the importance of proper animal nutrition.

This collaborative effort between PFA and WWVS signifies a commitment to enhancing the lives of working animals. Notably, Jeev Daya Jain Charity contributed to funding some of the medication for the horse camp.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Prohibitory orders

With the written exam for appointment of Civil Police Constables (men and women) scheduled to take place on Feb. 25, city Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius around all the exam centres in city from 6 am to 3 pm on Feb. 25. Accordingly, no unauthorised persons, barring the examinees and the exam authorities, will be allowed entry inside the exam centres. Also, all photocopy shops in the vicinity of the centres have been asked to shut down for the day, according to a press release issued by the Office of the City Police Commissioner.

KAS exam guidance camp

With the KPSC issuing notification for the appointment of 384 KAS posts through a written exam, city's Kulalagunda Brahmarya Kumbarara Sangha, will be conducting a guidance camp for the talented community candidates appearing for the exam, at 10.30 am on Feb. 25. Camp will be held at the Sangha office located on D. Banumaiah Road. District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the camp. ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, former KPSC member Dr. B.S. Krishnaprasad and other officers will be present. [Mob: 98450-50916/ 99725-15542/ 99728 23434]

Applications invited

Karnataka State Child Labour Eradication Project Society has invited applications from eligible persons for nomination as members of the Committee's Mysuru District and Taluk-level Task Force. Two social workers, 2 members from SC and ST communities, 2 women members and one member from the minority community, who have served in the field of child labour eradication & child rights protection, will be appointed as members of the task force. Last date to apply along with supporting records is Feb. 29. For details, visit the Society office, according to the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mysuru Division.

Excel in JEE exam

M.R. Akash and Pratham Adithya Mohan

Students of Jnanodaya PU College, Saraswathipuram, have excelled in JEE Mains Examination held in January 2024 with 20 students scoring more than 90 percent. M.R. Akash (99.621 percent) and Pratham Adithya Mohan (99.528 percent) have bagged first and second place respectively, according to Padma, Principal.

Move to divert Krishnaraja's funds to Chamaraja, Narasimharaja?

MLA T.S. Srivatsa objects to MCC Chief's letter to divert Rs. 45 crore from BJP Constituency to Congress Constituencies

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (SBD&BS)- In a startling development having far-reaching consequences, it has been brought to light that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner has requested the Government to allocate the funds earmarked for Krishnaraja Assembly Constituency to be distributed to Chamaraja and Narasimharaja Assembly Constituencies instead.

T.S. Srivatsa

This revelation was made by T.S. Srivatsa, the MLA representing Krishnaraja Constituency, during the ongoing session of the Legislative Assembly in Bengaluru yesterday. Srivatsa appealed to Speaker U.T. Khader for assistance, noting that his attempts to seek intervention from both the Chief Minister and the Urban Development Minister had yielded no results.

Of particular interest is the fact that Srivatsa is the sole BJP MLA representing Mysuru city, while Chamaraja and Narasimharaja Constituencies are represented by Congress legislators. The decision of the MCC Commissioner has raised eyebrows, particularly with the Congress-led State Government in power.

Detailing the situation, Srivatsa said, "During Basavaraj Bommai's tenure as CM, he allocated State Finance Commission (SFC) grants amounting to Rs. 45 crore to Krishnaraja Constituency. The process to initiate various projects utilising these grants had progressed to the stage of issuing tenders. However, disregarding the Government's directive, the MCC Commissioner opted to divert Rs. 25 crore to Narasimharaja and Rs. 20 crore to Chamaraja Constituencies."

Addressing the Speaker, Srivatsa appealed, "If the funds earmarked for my constituency are redirected elsewhere, what explanation can I offer to my constituents as their MLA? I urge you to stand by me in this matter."

Ashraya Housing Scheme

He further called for an investigation into the allocation of housing units under the Ashraya Housing Scheme in Krishnaraja Constituency, during the tenure of Chief Minister S.M. Krishna between 2000 and 2001.

"For the past two decades, there has been no trace of the file pertaining to the Ashraya scheme, and the list of beneficiaries has undergone frequent revisions. Many beneficiaries have made payments but are still awaiting the title deed. Strangely, the housing units have been registered under the names of individuals who were not even listed as beneficiaries. Therefore, I demand a thorough investigation into this matter," Srivatsa insisted.

Government Engineering Colleges

Highlighting additional city needs, Srivatsa underlined the necessity for establishing two more Government Engineering Colleges, a demand previously raised during the State Budget session, which he urged to be at least considered in the supplementary budget.

This initiative aims to accommodate the growing number of girl students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, as the existing Government Maharani's Colleges currently cater to around 2,000 students each.

Moreover, with Mysuru Karaga Utsava set to commemorate its centenary this year, Srivatsa urged the Government to allocate special funds for the festival. Additionally, he stressed the importance of acknowledging the proposed Film City at Immavu near Nanjangud, for which funds of Rs. 100 crore were requested, yet the allocation remains pending.

Make space for Mysore Brand products at CADA building: MLA

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (SBD&BS)-Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa has urged the Government to allocate space for the exhibition and sale of indigenous Mysore brand products at the heritage Command Area Development Authority (CADA) building opposite the Mysore Palace.

Making this demand during the Assembly session at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday, Srivatsa said, "All offices in the CADA Public Offices complex should be relocated to the District-Level Offices complex (new DC Office) at Siddartha Nagar. This move would allow for the organisation of exhibitions and sales of products such as Mysore Silk, Mysore Sandal Soap, and Oil, among others, at the CADA building," he said.

Such a step would not only help in preventing cases of cheating involving foreign tourists but also ensure convenient access for them to purchase authentic local products near the Mysore Palace itself, he added.

Highlighting the significance of tourist attractions like Mysore Palace, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), and the Silk Factory, which were established under the initiatives of erstwhile Maharajas of Mysore and remain prominent to this day, Srivatsa lamented the lack of concerted efforts by subsequent governments to develop tourism activities in line with the grand vision of the Maharajas.

Srivatsa urged the Chief Minister and the District Minister to consider illuminating the Palace for at least 10 minutes daily, in addition to weekends, to attract more tourists and encourage overnight stays in the city. He underscored the need for the Government to explore innovative initiatives to boost tourism further.

Additionally, Srivatsa expressed gratitude to Speaker U.T. Khader on behalf of the people of Mysuru for distributing gold-coated Gandabherunda badges, the royal emblem of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, to all MLAs. He noted that this gesture enhanced the level of responsibility among legislators.

Man run over by train

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Mysuru Railway Police, have found the body of an unidentified man who was run over by a moving train between City and MNGT Railway Stations on Feb. 22. The Railway Police, who have registered a case have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

The deceased is aged about 60 years, 4.7 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, oval faced, sports beard and moustache and was found wearing a white coloured full arm shirt with grey stripes. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

Obituary

Chottangada Lalitha

Mysuru, Feb. 23 - Chottangada Lalitha (Mukkatira-Cherambane), wife of late Kushalappa and a resident of No. 905/25, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru, passed away yesterday in city. She was 89.

A native of Birunani village, Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district, she leaves behind three daughters, sons-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

K.V. Lalithamma

K.V. Lalithamma (92), mother of BJP leader M.V. Ravishankar, passed away yesterday in city.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

G.V. Raju

G.V. Raju (70), retired Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police and a resident of Hebbal 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife K. Sharada, sons G.R. Pradeep and G.R. Sandeep and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at 1 pm tomorrow (Feb. 24) at Gundlupet, according to family sources.

Journalist Nandakumar Shaili

H.D. Kote: Nandakumar Shaili (46), a photojournalist, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his mother, brother, sisters, wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held this afternoon, according to family sources.

Dasegowda

Palahalli: Dasegowda (90), a resident of Palahalli village in Srirangapatna taluk, passed away yesterday evening at the village.

He leaves behind his wide Shankaramma, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Palahalli this afternoon, according to family sources.

e-Aasthi now a must for property registration

Will replace the present system of 'paper or hand-written khata' with electronic documents

Bengaluru, Feb. 23 (BCT)- Aiming to prevent illegal registration of properties in urban areas in the State, the Karnataka Assembly on Wednesday passed the Registration (Karnataka Amendment) Bill which will replace the present system of 'paper or handwritten khata' with electronic documents.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the legislation also aims to simplify the registration of documents such as mortgage deeds and pledge deeds without the physical presence of both parties at Sub-Registrar offices.

As per the amendment, the Kaveri 2.0 software will automatically check the database of City Corporations and Municipal Corporations and access the Khata information and registrations will be cleared only for those Khatas that have been registered. There will be no place for paper khata.

e-registration and remote registration

"Presenting documents electronically will first be tried with scheduled and nationalised banks besides with State Government agencies and public sector undertakings to enable e-registration and remote registration of some compulsory registrable documents without the physical presence of either party in the Sub-Registrar's Offices," he explained.

Henceforth, e-Aasthi registration would be mandatory and the department was also planning to do away with the option of "Other" in the property registration software in order to prevent misuse, the Minister said.

Whether paper khata is issued from agencies like Bengaluru Development Authority, Karnataka Housing Board, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board or any such agencies, they will not be accepted to register the properties across urban areas in the State, as per the amendment.

The initiative will prevent property fraud and save buyers from swindlers who try to sell a piece of land or property several times. The new e-Aasthi software is expected to prevent real estate fraud and property disputes to a great extent and improve management of property records.

"Under this system, impersonation during registration is not possible as the digital khata certificate will have 47 types of information, including photo of the property owner. The documents will be digitally signed, barcoded and uploaded onto DigiLocker.

Scanning of deeds

Frauds, disputes and litigations have always been a pain for land owners. Many land records date back to the colonial era and the ambiguity over ownership often helps criminals shortchange the system. Having a streamlined land record management system can help tackle a whole host of scams. Effective prevention of encroachment of Government property, tracking of tax defaulters and easing pressure on courts are the cherries on the cake.

The State Government has also taken up the scanning of deeds as old as 100 years in a war-footing and planned to accomplish the project in a year. Once all old deeds are converted into electronic format, the State government will completely stop accepting any paper document.

In a related development, the Assembly also passed the Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Bill, which prohibits the Stamps and Registration Department from collecting stamp duty charges through demand draft or pay order to prevent pilferage of collection. The State Government will now permit the Department to collect the stamp duty through UPI payment system.

7th Pay Commission: Govt. employees may get 24 percent wage hike

Bengaluru, Feb. 23- Even as the Seventh Pay Commission constituted by the State Government for wage revision of Government employees, is yet to submit its report, it is said that the State Government will have to incur an additional annual expenditure of Rs.15,431 crore if the wages of Government employees are hiked by 24 percent, in keeping with the anticipated recommendation of the 7th Pay Commission. This additional burden also finds a mention in the State budget which was presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, on Feb.16.

The Seventh Pay Commission is expected to submit its report by Mar.15, which is the deadline set by the State Government. According to Government estimates, the wage bill of Government employees for the year 2023-24 was Rs.65,003 crore. However, following the likely revision, the Government has to set aside Rs. 80,434 crore for the year 2024-25, which means an increase of Rs. 15,431 crore from that of the previous financial year.

The wage bill for the year 2022-23 was Rs. 50,061 crore and the subsequent financial year (2023-24) recorded a hike of 17 percent. Now, the wage bill expenditure for the year 2024-25 is projected at Rs. 80,434 crore, which means a 24 percent hike when compared to 2023-24.

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2024-25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ/ಸಸ್ಯಾಗಾರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ತೋಟಗಾರರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ (Farm Labour) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ (KTTP) ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (Two cover system) ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆದಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿ: 19.02.2024 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.03.2024 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 18.03.2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 19.03.2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ: 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ರಾಜ್ಯವಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0821-2977572

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MUDA braces for new Budget on Feb. 28

(Continued from page 1)

Aligned with Nalwadi's vision, MUDA operates as the State's second-largest urban development authority, entrusted with the pivotal role of establishing essential infrastructure such as underground drainage systems, road networks, and other amenities aimed at fostering comprehensive city development.

While these initiatives are invariably outlined in the annual Budget, MUDA frequently falls short in their execution, with only a handful being realised to date.

During the previous Budget meeting chaired by the then MUDA Chairman Yashaswi S. Somashekar on Mar. 13, 2023, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar presented a surplus Budget of Rs. 4.58 crore. The revenue projection stood at Rs. 5.02 crore, while the estimated expenditure was Rs. 4.97 crore.

Not sent to Government

As per procedures, after obtaining approval from the MUDA Board, the Budget has to go to the Government for scrutiny and second-level approval. Only after the Government's approval, MUDA can prepare an action plan to implement the proposed projects. But surprisingly, the Budget was not sent to the Government for approval.

Among the proposals, there was an announcement to develop a residential layout at Bommenahalli in collaboration with farmers, based on a 50:50 ratio of land sharing. However, this plan remains stagnant as MUDA has yet to initiate the land acquisition process, leaving the project solely on paper.

Apart from the sites allocated to beneficiaries at Rabindranath Tagore (R.T.) Nagar, over 80,000 applicants from the last three decades are still awaiting their allocations.

Funds were allocated to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for constructing Road Under Bridges (RUBs) on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) to connect Vijayanagar Second Stage to Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, and another RUB to connect JP Nagar Third Stage to 'B' Zone and other layouts via Akka Mahadevi Road. However, there has been no progress on these fronts.

Although Rs. 100 crore was designated to construct a multi-utility commercial complex at MUDA layouts and other residential areas under its jurisdiction, aimed at bolstering revenue, no development has transpired in the past year.

Similarly, the proposal to establish Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) for processing sewage water and utilising it for various purposes, with a Budget of Rs. 100 crore, remains unimplemented. Additionally, Rs. 5 crore was earmarked for park development.

Despite road and underground drainage (UGD) projects proceeding as per the Budget, none of MUDA's other outlined plans and proposals have materialised. As another Budget for the year 2024-25 approaches, there is hope that the proposals outlined in the Budget book will not remain mere formalities, but rather manifest into reality, thereby fulfilling the aspirations of the multitude who continue to prioritise MUDA for their housing needs.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಚುನಾವಣೆ 2024ರ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಸೇವೆ/ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಮೊಹರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಆಡಳಿತಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿರುತ್ತದೆ..

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Learning Life's Lessons from Fali S. Nariman: India's Advocate Extraordinaire ! – 3

[Continued from yesterday]

Now let me share what was told to me. It was the birthday of my friend who had survived an open heart surgery. His nephew had married a Chinese girl who was baking cakes as a hobby. So she was asked to make a hat-shaped birthday cake for my heart-patient friend's party. The party began with family members charged with sentiments. The birthday cake was brought and kept on the table with its cardboard cover ready to be lifted and surprise the guests.

Lo and behold ! When the carton was lifted there came a red heart-shaped cake! There was stunned silence for a while. How to cut the heart?

The poor Chinese lady, while taking the order, misheard her husband as saying 'heart' instead of 'hat.'

Nariman mentions of another important turning point in his life. I guess it is so with everyone who gets married! He got married in October 1955 to Bapsi Contractor. It is interesting to know that her paternal grandfather Khan Sahib Sorabji Contractor constructed Jamsetji Tata's Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay (in 1903) and also the iconic 'Gateway of India' next to it on the seashore. No wonder this marriage was 'an important' turning point in Fali Nariman's life.

Fali Nariman mentions of yet another important Turning Point in his professional career in Bombay, before moving to Delhi. He was briefed by his "very good friend" Attorney Dharmsingh Popat, a senior partner of the famous Law Chamber Mulla & Mulla, Solicitors, in a famous case. It was a *cause celebre* in the Supreme Court. It was the very famous case known as Golakanth case (1967) — Golaknath Vs State of Punjab. Nariman had the privilege of appearing as a Junior Counsel in 1967 in this case assisting Senior Counsels A.K. Sen and N.A. Palkhivala.

Six years later in 1973, the same case was discussed in the Supreme Court in another context. By then, Nariman had become the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) of India. Certainly, being briefed (engaged) in the Golaknath case, thus, was no doubt an important Turning Point enabling him to know personally the giants in the Supreme Court and build his career.

The book discusses many important issues relating to our Constitution — fundamental rights, significance of preserving the 'basic structure' of our Constitution, the danger inherent in a majoritarian government (having more than three-fourths of Parliament's total strength), appointment of Judges etc.

Nariman makes a very significant observation in the matter of the 'basic structure theory.'

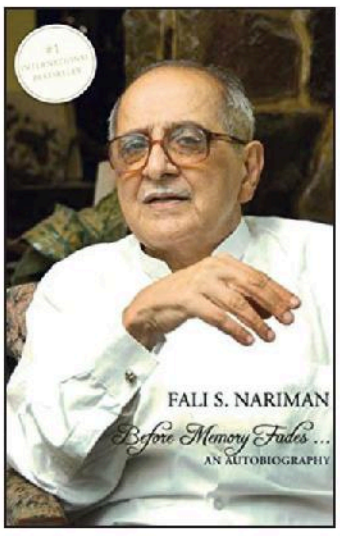
"In asserting the 'basic structure theory,' the Supreme Court of India has, ... asserted **political power** — in the guise of judicial interpretation. That is why there are so many critics of the basic structure theory."

What is political power?

According to Nariman, "assumption of power by which one organ of Government (here in this context judiciary) is enabled to control another (here Parliament) has been characterised as political power." Let it be.

Five years after this theory was first propounded, the Parliament brought in the Constitution Forty-fourth Amendment Act-1978 providing that the fundamental right of **Life and Liberty** guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution could never be suspended by enacting a law or by a Constitutional Amendment even during an Emergency, as happened in 1975 Emergency. "The basic structure theory has now been woven into our Constitutional fabric," says Nariman. A reminder to all of us the imperative of safeguarding our right to Life and Liberty.

In 1966, when he was 38 years old, he was offered the post of a Judgeship at the Bombay High Court which he refused more for the poor remuneration of a Judge at that time. Apparently, he knew which side of the bread was buttered — private practice. But in 1972 he was happy to accept the appointment as the Additional Solicitor General of India. Luck and another Turning Point, as he would admit. However, as a man of high principles, he resigned as ASG after the Emergency was declared in 1975.



Speaking for himself as belonging to Parsi minority religion of non-Indian origin, Nariman declares rather happily that "I have never felt that I lived in this country at the sufferance of the (Hindu) majority. ...I have lived and flourished in a Secular India. ...I would also like to die in a Secular India."

As I was traversing his days and years in Bombay, I found there was no mention of his parents. It was later, as in passing, a mention was made of his parents who had left India and gone back to Rangoon in 1947. Could it be at the instance of his mother who was from Rangoon, Burma? Men, generally, sway in family matters in the direction of their wives!!

As a result, Nariman lived, during his days at the Law College and early years at the Bar, with his father's cousin who was working as a Registrar in the High Court of Bombay till he got married.

Be that as it may, this might be the reason why he was alluding in the early pages of the book to Turning Points, Luck, Providence and God. He was naturally missing his father and had no 'Godfather' either as he had mentioned.

Rest of the book, running to 450 pages with useful index, is all about his name, fame and position, becoming even Rajya Sabha (RS) Member etc. But, more importantly the inner working of superior Courts in our country and the appointments of Judges...

After he demitted office and became Fali S. Nariman, ex-MP, he resumed his legal practice. He was engaged in a few international commercial arbitration where he did well. He was also summoned by the President of India for advice on many legal issues. In 2007 he received the *Padma Vibhushan* Award from the then President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Towards the end of the book, he reflects on old age. He was 80 plus, ripe old age, he admits, and tells the readers of the book what sustains him. Two things. First: The possibility and the thrill of winning a difficult case. Second: The affection of all his colleagues at the Bar.

Like the sting in the tail, he says:

"I must end with a note of apprehension." He goes on:

"My greatest regret in a long, happy, interesting life is the intolerance that has crept into our society. For centuries, Hinduism had been the most tolerant of all religions. But over the past few years (the book was written in 2010), I have been a reluctant spectator of a new phenomenon. The Hindu tradition of tolerance is under immense strain — the strain of religious tension fanned by fanaticism... Is Hinduism changing its face?..."

Having said this, speaking for himself as belonging to Parsi minority religion of **non-Indian origin,** he declares rather happily that **"I have never felt that I lived in this country at the sufferance of the (Hindu) majority. ...I have lived and flourished in a Secular India. ...I would also like to die in a Secular India."**

These are Nariman's last words in the book titled "Fali S. Nariman, Before Memory Fades..." He need not have any apprehension. He would surely die in a Secular India. I say this, like Osho Rajneesh, on my own authority!

As I closed the book, I was left wondering why, like the Parsis (the followers of a religion of non-Indian origin) other minorities professing a religion of non-Indian origin could not live in a Secular India, as perceived by Nariman in his personal case, without the alleged or supposed sufferance of the majority? Is there a need to redefine or differently interpret the word Secular in the context of India? I wish Fali Nariman had explained the causes for "the intolerance that has crept into our society." He could have explained why "The Hindu tradition of tolerance is under immense strain." Like everybody else he attributes the reason to "fanaticism" and goes into silence.

Social leaders of all India stature like Nariman should speak-out so that both the majority and the minority will **introspect** and practice **tolerance** which is good for all the people of this Secular India. Sadly, the wise always fall silent !

TAILPIECE: *Nariman writes about the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal set up in 1990. Nariman was the lead Counsel for Karnataka along with other three. A final decision was handed down by the reconstituted Tribunal in 2007, after 17 years. Karnataka challenged it in the Supreme Court... and a final 'resolution' of the dispute "is yet not in sight!" concludes Nariman when he wrote the book in 2010.*

Let me add here that a part of the anger in Karnataka over the Supreme Court direction on release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu was directed against the State's Legal Counsel Fali S. Nariman. When I visited Delhi during S. Bangarappa's Chief Ministership in Karnataka, I happened to attend the proceedings of the Tribunal. There I saw Senior Tamil Nadu Advocate, I think, Parasaran while Fali S. Nariman was conspicuous by his absence. At the Tribunal and later when I interacted with our Karnataka lawyers and the then Law Secretary and Advocate General I got the sense that none of them was happy with their lead Counsel Fali S. Nariman.

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Assembly debates encroached lands by coffee growers

MLAs want encroached lands to be leased to large holders and sanction land to small holders

Bengaluru, Feb. 23 (KMS & BCT)- Encroachment of Government land by small coffee growers in the coffee-growing regions of Kodagu was discussed in the Legislative Assembly yesterday, where Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna appealed to the Government to permanently sanction the lands to their names as they are actively cultivating crops on those lands.

A.S. Ponnanna *A. Manju* *Mantar Gowda* *Cement Manju*

Participating in a discussion on the subject, Ponnanna said that small growers in Kodagu who are cultivating coffee and other crops in two to three acres of land are facing numerous problems.

"In certain areas, small coffee growers find themselves surrounded by large private plantations, with Government land in between that has been encroached upon. According to the law, land can be leased out for up to 25 acres. Large Government lands encroached upon by major growers should be leased out by the Government," he said.

"However, small-scale growers, who only have two to three acres of land and have encroached upon small portions of Government land, require a permanent solution. The Government should sanction the encroached land in their names to provide them with a permanent relief about their holdings," Ponnanna explained.

Earlier, Sakleshpur MLA 'Cement' Manju mentioned that during the tenure when R. Ashoka served as the Revenue Minister in the previous BJP Government, a decision was made to lease the encroached Government land to coffee growers for a duration of 30 years. Unfortunately, due to a change in Government, this decision was not put into action. Therefore, he urged the Government to resume the process of leasing the land for a period of 30 years.

Later, Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda raised questions regarding why the BJP Government did not implement the leasing of land to coffee growers for 30 years. He emphasised the importance of discussing pending applications, particularly the 53rd and 57th applications, which have been awaiting decisions for 20-25 years.

He expressed satisfaction with leasing the land to Race Courses and Clubs for 30 years and wanted similar leasing to coffee growers to get permanent ownership by approving the 53rd and 57th applications. He cautioned that leasing land for 30 years could lead to future problems for the growers and suggested considering leasing the land for 99 years instead.

Intervening in the discussion, Speaker U.T. Khader said approval of land up to 3 acres for the poor could offer a permanent solution to the issue at hand.

At this point, Dr. Mantar Gowda's father, A. Manju, who is also the JD(S) MLA from Arkalgud, intervened, questioning why the Government was hesitating to lease land to farmers while providing it for Race Courses, Resorts and Clubs.

"Why there is a delay in approving the land lease when it comes to farmers? The law prohibits leasing out land for more than 30 years. Can you take back encroached land from cultivators? **It is not possible. I suggest leasing out the land to encroachers.** This way, the Government would earn revenue and the lessees would benefit as well. They would also help conserve forests and contribute to the environment, he added.

Later, MLA A.S. Ponnanna spoke, urging to sanction the encroached land for small-scale coffee growers as well as to provide land for lease to large coffee growers.

What are 50th, 53rd and 57th applications?

The Bagar Hukum system, established by the State Revenue Department, requires applicants to submit Form 57 for the legalisation of agricultural land. The Bagar Hukum scheme traces its origins back to 1980 when the Government allocated two acres of land to landless farmers for agricultural activities. However, the beneficiaries of this scheme did not receive the title deed for the land they cultivated.

Subsequently, applications were invited in the forms of Form 50 (1991), Form 53 (1999) and Form 57 (2018) under the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964. The application window extended until April 2023, exclusively for those who have been engaged in cultivation for the past 15 years.

According to Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda, who raised the issue in the Assembly, all the applications received in Form 50, Form 53 and Form 57 are pending since the last 25 years. If these applications are approved, growers can gain permanent ownership over the land.

Deal honestly with coffee growers and Bagar Hukum farmers

By K.B. Ganapathy
Sr. Journalist

Mysuru, Feb. 23- It is obvious when this subject of coffee growers and Bagar Hukum was discussed in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly yesterday by the honourable members and the mention was made of Form 50, 53, 57 relating to the years of 1991, 1999 and 2018, one could assume that a large majority of members present and hearing the debate did not understand what it was all about just as the literate and illiterate farmers who read the newspapers or came to know of it through word of mouth.

Politicians in their public discourses and speeches make hollow promises and express lip sympathies to the poor farmers steeped in debt and caught in the web of corruption to get their property documents and title deeds in proper legal order. This is important because it is only through legally valid documents they could pledge, mortgage or sell the land to raise money for their personal or family needs.

Unfortunately, from the debate it is clear that the politicians who ruled us all these years conceived the idea of resolving these problems of encroachment and Bagar Hukum, discussed about it no end but never delivered.

It is hoped this time round young and dynamic MLAs like A.S. Ponnanna and Dr. Mantar Gowda along with A. Manju, an experienced Legislator, will untie this Gordian Knot, not in the conventional manner but in the manner of Alexander the Great.

I look forward for the day when I can see these three MLAs possessed with the spirit of Alexander the Great to solve the problems of Karnataka farmers once and for all.

KSRTC staff stage protest

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (GA&DM)- KSRTC staff under KSRTC Workers Joint Action Committee staged a protest in front of KSRTC Divisional Office at Bannimantap yesterday demanding wage revision with retrospective effect from Jan.1, 2024, release of retirement benefits for those who retired during Jan.1, 2020 to Feb.28, 2023, payment of revised wages pending since Jan.1, 2020 among others.

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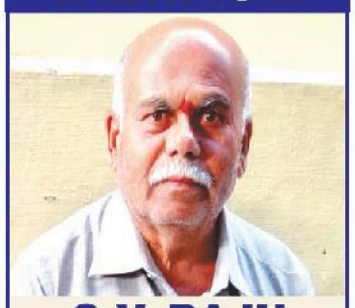

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Seshadripuram College holds blood donation camp

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Seshadripuram Degree College, Mysuru, in association with Indian Red Cross Society, Karnataka State Branch, Youth Red Cross (YRC), NCC, NSS and Rotaract Club of Seshadripuram Degree College had jointly organised the 7th Blood Donation Camp in memory of late K.M. Nanjappa, former Mayor of Bengaluru and former President of Seshadripuram Educational Trust at the College premises on Hebbal Ring Road in city on Feb. 15.

The camp was inaugurated by offering floral tribute to the portrait of late K.M. Nanjappa by the dignitaries.

Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* newspapers Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, who was the chief guest at the event, described blood donation as a life-saving act. He underscored the principle of positive actions in our life and stressed on the importance of intelligence, good health and a compassionate heart in achieving success and prosperity. He said donating life-saving blood was one such positive action.

Dr. Ganapathy also highlighted the power of love towards humanity, which fosters unity and tolerance among individuals.

State Coordinator of the Indian Red Cross Society in Karnataka, Raju Chandrashekar, spoke about the critical role of blood donation in saving lives and treating various ailments. He said that donating blood once or twice a year can significantly reduce the risk of cardiac problems in the donor. Chandrashekar also lauded Seshadripuram Educational Institutions for their commendable contribution by providing nearly 2,500 units of blood every year.

In his presidential address, Hon. Assistant Secretary of Seshadripuram Educational Trust M.S. Natraj underscored the profound impact of blood donation. Noting that it is a significant service by an individual that can be extended till the age of 65, Natraj highlighted the remarkable fact that donating just one unit of blood has the potential to save three lives.

A total of 106 units of blood were collected during the camp.

Chairman of the Governing Council of Seshadripuram Educational Trust B.A. Ananthram, Principal Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa, President of Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown Rtn. D. Srinivasan, Director-Youth Services of Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown Rtn. Mohan Gurumurthy, Secretary of Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown Rtn. Satyendra Kashyap, Principal of SIPUC Archana Swamy, Assistant Professor and YRC Coordinator M. Vinay, NSS Programme Officer and Physical Education Director Dr. R. Raghavendra and staff were present.

'Silk India' exhibition begins

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Artisans from various parts of the country have come to Mysuru to exhibit their ethnic weaves and traditional pure silk and cotton products at the "Silk India - Wedding Special Collection" at Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry in city.

The expo, organised by Orissa Art and Craft Committee, founded by a group of artisans, designers, social activists, academics and environmentalists, attempts to promote exquisite traditional skill, cotton and creations of the weavers and encouraging them to be contemporary and economically relevant.

The expo includes gorgeous Uppadas, Banarasi silks, Gadwals, Dharmavaram, Jamdanis, Jamawars and Sambalpuris; Sarees, dress materials, items of silk and cotton sarees, suit dress materials, fashion jewellery, home furnishing designer clothes from each region of the country are also on display.

It provides shoppers with a kaleidoscope of India's colour, diversity and talent. Artisans from 14 handloom weaving States including Assam, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal and many designers from metros working in collaboration with the weavers are displaying more than 50,000 varieties of their work here.

'Silk India' expo-cum-sale, which started on Feb.16, will be held till Feb. 25 between 10.30 am and 8.30 pm.

Cotton and Silk handloom products on display have a range between Rs. 500 and Rs.1,50,000 at the upper end for exclusive hand-crafted sarees.

Dokra Tribal Jewellery and Channapatna toys are also catching the attention of the customers. Coimbatore silk, Muga silk from Assam, Bangalore silk, crepe and georgette sarees, raw silk materials from Karnataka, Kalamkari, Pochampally, Mangalgiri dress materials, Organza Silk Sarees, pure silk zari sarees from Andhra Pradesh and more are available at the exhibition.

Experience shopping at Samridhi

SAMRIDHI, a two-day expo-cum-sale of clothes, jewellery, bags and accessories, organised by Geeta Patel, was inaugurated at Hotel Quorum in city this morning. Seen in the picture are the chief guests Smriti Manoj, Shilpa Vishwas, Savitha Yashasvi, Shamala Prasanna, Seema, Rashmi Kaujalgi, Audrey Maben and Pooja Joshi, who took part in the inauguration. The fashion expo will be open for shoppers today and tomorrow between 10.30 am and 8.30 pm.

Two-day 'Yuva Samruddhi' Job Fair in B'luru from Feb. 26

Bengaluru, Feb. 23- To boost employment opportunities for youths having completed their graduation, engineering, diploma and other professional courses, the State Government is organising a two-day mega job fair 'Yuva Samruddhi Sammelana' from Feb. 26 at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru.

Addressing a joint press conference, here on Wednesday, Minister for Skill Development and Medical Education Sharan Prakash Patil and Minister for IT-BT, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Priyank Kharge said the event being organised by Skill Development Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, had received an online registration from more than 31,000 youths and added that about 500 national and international companies would be recruiting candidates for nearly one lakh jobs depending on the qualification.

There will be over 600 stalls to help candidates visit the stalls to find job opportunities suitable to their qualification and requirements. The experts and the executives of the companies will be there with the information to help the job aspirants.

The State Government has chalked out plans to provide training for candidates, who fail to secure a job and to help them get placed in the future. The registered candidates will also receive information about stalls on their mobile phones.

The event will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. The government has arranged free lunch at the venue along with transportation facility for candidates from City Railway Station, Majestic and Shanthinagar Bus Stand.

Registration: In a press release, District Disabled Welfare Officer, Mysuru, has said that interested specially-abled candidates from the city and district can register their names by logging on to *http://udyoga.skillconnect.kaushalkar.com* or contact Ph: 0821- 2490333.

JD(S)-BJP seat-sharing pact finalised

Cardiologist Dr. C.N. Manjunath's poll debut gets Amit Shah's nod

Hot contest expected between Dr. Manjunath and D.K Shivakumar's brother and sitting MP D.K. Suresh in Bangalore Rural?

JD(S) State President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy and Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy during their meeting with Amit Shah in New Delhi yesterday.

Bengaluru, Feb. 23 (KMS& VNS)- As anticipated, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has given his consent for renowned cardiologist and former Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Dr. C.N. Manjunath, to test electoral waters in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Though there is no decision yet on the Constituency from which he will be contesting, Dr. Manjunath is expected to contest either from Bangalore Rural or Bangalore North constituency on a BJP symbol. With Dr. Manjunath likely to enter the poll fray, the BJP High Command has decided to leave three constituencies to JD(S) — Mandya, Hassan and Kolar — instead of the earlier planned four constituencies.

The decision on seat-sharing was finalised by JD(S) State President and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy during their meeting with Amit Shah in New Delhi yesterday.

Sources also said that, Amit Shah had also agreed to allot another seat to JD(S) in Kalyana Karnataka Region (Hyderabad Karnataka) or Chikkaballapur. However, the fourth seat will be finalised only after the notification for the elections is announced.

Both Kumaraswamy and Nikhil Kumaraswamy visited New Delhi after receiving an invite from Amit Shah. The trio discussed seat-sharing and political developments in the State for about 20 minutes, followed by another meeting late in the evening before finalising the seat-sharing arrangement.

While Amit Shah is keen on fielding Dr. Manjunath from the Bangalore Rural Constituency against D.K. Suresh, who currently represents the constituency in Lok Sabha, he is said to have instructed Kumaraswamy to start preparing for elections in Mandya and Hassan, along with the Bangalore Rural constituency, while keeping the decision over candidate for the Bengaluru North constituency pending.

The leaders also discussed the ensuing Rajya Sabha polls. Amit Shah instructed Kumaraswamy to continue their ongoing efforts to ensure the victory of NDA candidate Kupendra Reddy, who is in the fray as the fifth candidate, along with strategies to ensure the victory of NDA candidates in the Constituencies where Congress has a stronghold.

Kumaraswamy also apprised Amit Shah about the confusion created by local BJP leaders in Mandya.

Following this, the Union Minister assured Kumaraswamy about addressing the issue and asked the former CM to continue working on the elections.

Amit Shah also instructed Kumaraswamy to highlight the failures of the Siddaramaiah-led Congress Government and to hold joint protests along with the BJP against corrupt Ministers in Siddaramaiah's Cabinet.

With only a few days left for the all-important polls, Kumaraswamy was also advised to stay in unison with the BJP leaders and ensure that votes were not divided.

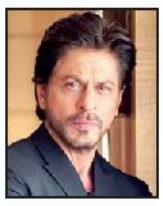
'Strict NO to street politics but prefer developmental politics'

Dr. C.N. Manjunath

Meanwhile, responding to media queries about his probable political debut, Dr. Manjunath, who was attending a felicitation ceremony at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research in Mysuru, said that he was not afraid of taking a plunge into politics, but was currently in a state of dilemma.

He stated, "I have not yet made any decision as I need to discuss the matter with my wife, children and other family members. Speculations about my political debut have arisen due to the works I have done at the Jayadeva Institute, which has garnered attention from both the public and the media. While I am not inclined towards street politics, I am interested in developmental politics. Although I am facing a dilemma, it does not mean that I am afraid of politics."

WPL-2 opening ceremony to be starry affair



Shahrukh Khan

Bengaluru, Feb. 23 (Agencies)- The opening ceremony of the second edition of Women's Premier League (WPL) will be a star-studded affair with Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan to set the stage on fire at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, this evening.

'King' Khan will be joined by actors Tiger Shroff, Shahid Kapoor, Varun Dhawan, Kartik Aaryan, Sidharth Malhotra amongst other stars to kick start this year's WPL.

Soon after the opening ceremony, last season's champions Mumbai Indians (MI) will lock horns with Delhi Capitals (DC), season one finalists. Delhi Capitals led by Meg Lanning will be looking to avenge their loss against Harnampreet Kaur-led Mumbai Indians.

All five captains, Alyssa Healy (UP Warriorz), Beth Mooney (Gujarat Gaints), Harmanpreet Kaur (Mumbai Indians), Smriti Mandhana (Royal Challengers Bengalore) and Meg Lanning (Delhi Capitals) gathered together in Bengaluru for the captain's meeting ahead of the opening ceremony, yesterday.

M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru will host the matches till Mar. 4 and the remaining matches including the eliminator (Mar. 15) and the final (Mar.17) will be held at Arun Jaitley Stadium, New Delhi. A total of 22 matches will be played in the tournament and the top team in the points table will earn a direct entry to final. The other finalist team will be decided through an eliminator between the second and third-placed teams in the table. The matches will begin at 7.30 pm daily.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (FEB. 23)

MUMBAI INDIANS Vs DELHI CAPITALS

MI Vs DC

M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru - **7.30 pm**

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WORD OF THE DAY

Buttress

Pronunciation: BUTT-russ.
Meaning: A buttress is a structure built against a wall in order to support or strengthen it. More broadly, buttress may refer to anything that supports or strengthens. Buttress may also refer to something that resembles a buttress, such as a projecting part of a mountain or hill, a horny protuberance on a horse's hoof at the heel, or the broadened base of a tree trunk or a thickened vertical part of it.
Origin: The word buttress first budded in the world of architecture during the 14th century, when it was used to describe an exterior support that projects from a wall to resist the sideways force, called thrust, created by the load on an arch or roof. The word ultimately comes from the Anglo-French verb buter, meaning "to thrust." Buter is also the source of our verb butt, meaning "to thrust, push, or strike with the head or horns." Buttress developed figurative use relatively soon after its adoption, being applied to anything that supports or strengthens something else. No buts about it: the world would not be the same without buttresses.
Example: "Between November 2018 and May 2021, the glacier retreated eight kilometres as the ice shelf at the end of the glacier ... disappeared. The ice shelf would have acted as a buttress, slowing the movement of the glacier towards the sea." — The University of Leeds, 29 Nov. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Bambosh

Deceptive nonsense.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Be as old as the hills

Meaning: The phrase 'Be as old as the hills' means that if something is as old as the hills, it has existed for a very long time.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'As old as the hills' is biblical. The phrase is derived from Job, 15:7 and was first seen in the 1535 Miles Coverdale's Bible: "Art thou the first man, that euer was borne? Or wast thou made before the hylles?" The phrase did not gain popularity in its current form until 1734, when Francis Hutchinson's A Defense of the Ancient Historians read: "As vales are old as the hills, so loughs and rivers must be as old as they."
Example: "Difficult relationships between parents and children are nothing new: the problem's as old as the hills."

QUOTE BOX

After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. **—Nelson Mandela**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

COMME RCIAL

Answer: Commercial break.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Fr. holy title
4 Writing fluids
8 Foolhardy
12 Rob at gunpoint or with the threat of violence
13 Fixing pin
14 Indian wheaten flour
15 Spanish cheer
16 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago ?
17 Inclines head
18 Renowned percussionist Trilok ____
20 Physician informally
22 Actor Guinness
25 Cut with an axe
28 Leopard-like animal
31 They want their independence from China
33 Dubai locale
34 Greek T
36 Period or age
37 Protrude outwards
40 Like a cyclops? (3-4)
43 Alkaline solutions
44 Chumps
45 Inertial Sensor Assembly
47 Unfolds, commences
51 Nav. readings
54 Political alliance
57 Female ruff
58 Make or become silent
59 Whip
60 Frozen water
61 Village People hit
62 Those female sheep
63 IPL team from Kolkata

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

R	E	D	■	A	L	M	S	■	■	A	P	A
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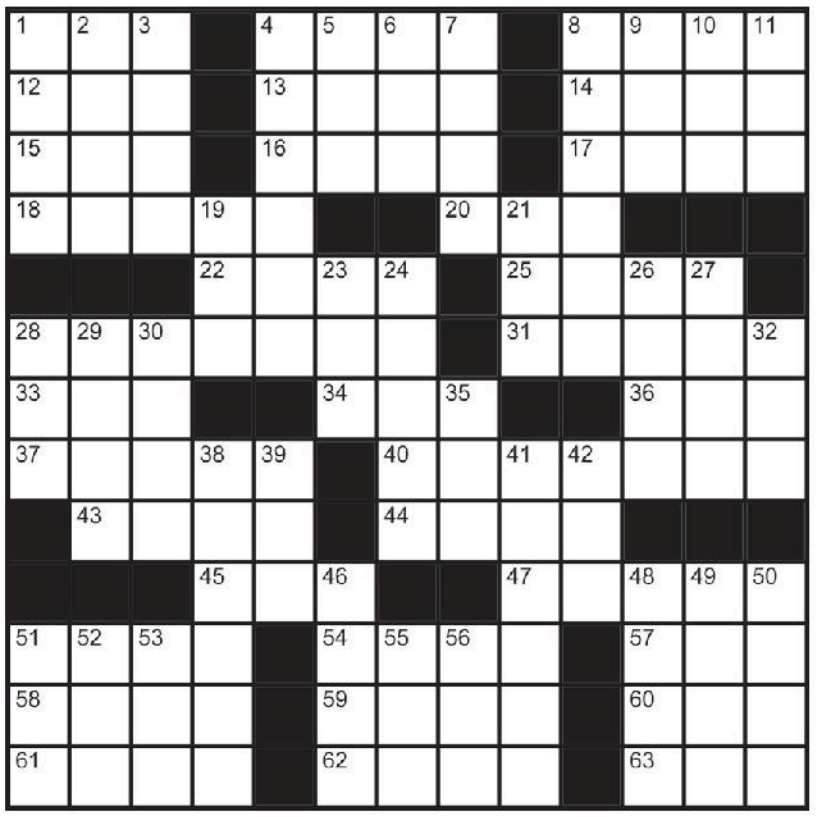
S	K	Y	■	■	B	O	O	K	■	A	N	P

DOWN
1 Polluted air
2 Dialect of South India?
3 German river
4 Affront
5 A negative vote
6 Near of ___ : closely related?
7 Downhill racer
8 Capital of Jharkhand
9 From _ ___ z : all (1,2)
10 Standard in short?
11 Owns
19 Menlo Park monogram
21 Tenth month, in short
23 Have a meal
24 Complete disorder
26 Follow orders
27 Pop in Paris
28 Young bear
29 Tow
30 Like congers
32 Little bit
35 Actress Merkel
38 Japanese entertainer
39 Suffix for sex-change
41 Periods, ages
42 Psychic power
46 Competent
48 French composer ___ Satie
49 Head supporter
50 One who can see into future
51 Bashful or retiring
52 The final aggregate
53 PC panic button
55 Legal science
56 Sugar suffix ?



SUDOKU

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			8		1		5	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	8	7	1	9	2	6	3	5
2	9	1	6	5	3	8	4	7
3	6	5	4	7	8	1	2	9
5	4	2	3	1	9	7	8	6
6	7	3	2	8	5	9	1	4
9	1	8	7	6	4	3	5	2
7	3	6	5	4	1	2	9	8
1	5	9	8	2	6	4	7	3
8	2	4	9	3	7	5	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SHFBHE CM R EHNNKE MUBEA - CP RJJBUM OBH

PB FRZK R LBCIP UCPSBHP AERUCIW NJBBA.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS U

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent.

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Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 7 pm, 10.05 pm
Matsyagandga (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-1)	7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 am
For REGN (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 4.05 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Shakhahari (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 4.30 pm
Mr. Natwarlal (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Crakk: Jeetega... Toh Jiyegaa (H)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 10.00 pm

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Crakk - Jeetegaa Toh Jiyegaa (H)	:	10.35 am, 1.35 pm, 4.40 pm 7.40 pm, 9.30 pm
For Regn. (K)	:	10.35 am, 4.05 pm
Matsyagandha (K)	:	11.00 am, 6.40 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.15 pm
Kappu Bilupina Naduve (K)	:	1.35 pm
Mr. Natwarlal (K)	:	4.10 pm
Shakhahaari (K)	:	6.45 pm
Siddharth Roy (Te)	:	9.15 pm

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Crakk: Jeetegaa Toh Jiyegaa (H)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.50 pm 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.00 am, 6.25 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	11.35 am, 4.25 pm
Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	11.35 am, 6.35 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	12.05 pm
All India Rank (H)	:	1.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.45 pm
Varanam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.15 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	3.20 pm, 9.15 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	7.05 pm
Matsyagandha (K)	:	9.30 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Fighter (H)	:	10.15 pm

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Crakk: Jeetegaa Toh Jiyegaa (H)	:	11.40 am, 3.30 pm, 6.20, 10.10 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	12 noon
Article 370 (H)	:	12.10 pm, 3 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Sundaram Master (Te)	:	3.10 pm
For Regn. (K)	:	3.15 pm
Bramayugam (Te)	:	6.15 pm
KTM (K)	:	6.15 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	9.15 pm
Pretha (K)	:	9.30 pm

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Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-2)	11.15 am, 6.20 pm
For REGN (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Pretha (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Vinnaithaandi Varuvaaya (Ta)	(S-2)	3.05 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-4)	10.30 pm
Crakk: Jeetega... Toh Jiyegaa (H)	(S-3)	12 noon, 3.20 pm 6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.20 pm 5.40 pm, 9.00

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Trailers Screening Show	:	11.20 am
Matsyagandha (K)	:	12.30 pm
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Mr. Natwarlal (K)	:	7.40 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 23)

- **Coffee City:** 'Twilight Whispers of Hampi - Photography Expo' by Shivashankar Banagar, Neralu-Belaku Gallery, Coffee City, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeethotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** Sumadhwa-Vijaya Express, Madhwa-Purandara Namana and Ganasiri-Vedanta Lahari Part-11, Sri 1008 Satyatma Theertha Sripadangal graces the occasion, Sumadhwavijaya 11 & 12 Sargagalu, Pt. Sri S.K. Krishnacharya explains, *Kalashree* Dr. Muddumohan sings, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi, Devageetham Charitable Trust, Department of Kannada Culture, Bengaluru and the family members of late C.N. Narayana Rao and Susheelamma:** Music festival, vocal performance by budding talents Dyuthi, Sriranjini, Abhijna, Gowtham, P.B. Keerthana and Adithi Naduthota, accompanied by Srivatsa and Prerana on violin and Sumukha Shesha and Bhuvan on mridanga, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha, Mysuru:** 22nd anniversary celebrations, Vocal Concert by Vidwan Mysore N. Srinath, accompanied by Vidwan M.D. Arjun on violin, Vidwan P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vidwan V.S. Ramesh on morching, sponsored by Dr. C.M. Muniramappa and Family in memory of their parents, Sabha's Alwar Kala Bhavana, Gokulam III Stage, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 24)

- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha, Mysuru:** 22nd anniversary, Thyagaraja and Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, Ghosti Gayana, **9.30 am;** Karnatak Vocal by Vidushi Medha Manjunath, Vidushi C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vidwan M.S. Jayaram on mridanga and Vidwan M.J. Kiran Kumar on ghata, Sabha's Alwar Kala Bhavana, Gokulam III Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Tara Prakashana, Mysuru and Shepherd India International:** Book release — Dr. N. Vasaiah's 'Halli Hakki Adaguru Vishwanath Avara Sahitya mattu Rajakarana' — by former CM M. Veerappa Moily, writer Banjegere Jayaprakash presides, writer Shubhada Prasad speaks about the book, MLC A.H. Vishwanath and writer Dr. N. Vasaiah will be present, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 33rd 'International Nirantara Kalemane Festival' and 3rd 'Sri Purandaradasa & Sri Thyagaraja Aaradhana Sangeeta Nritya Mahotsava,' Goshti Gayana by Guru & disciples - Vid. Vishnubhatla Sri Ramachandra Murthy, Founder, Swararagasudha Sangeetha Vidyalayam, Kakinada and Kalaratna Vid. Rao R. Sharath, Director, Sharada Sangeetha Shala, Bengaluru; Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy delivers a lecture on Purandaradasa, Dr. C.A. Shreedhar delivers a lecture on Thyagaraja; Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar chief guest, Renowned Musicologist Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy, renowned Flautist Dr. C.A. Shreedhar, Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira Founder & Director Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and Hindustani vocalist and art critic Dr. Manik A.V. Bengeri special invitees, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **2.30 pm.**
- **JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU):** 6th Convocation Address by Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji distributes certificates and medals, JSS STU premises, **3.30 pm.**
- **PU College Kannada Lecturers Forum, Mysuru:** Release of Dr. Santhosh Chikkodi's poetry collection 'Arthavideya Vidayakke' by columnist Balasubramanya Kanjarpane, Gopalaswamy Institutions, near Nanjumalige Circle, **3.30 pm.**
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- **Karnataka Cartoonists' Association, Bengaluru, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and AVV Compu-Graphics:** Release of book 'Vyangyachitra Simhavalokana' authored by city's cartoonist M.V. Nagendra Babu, *Star of Mysore* Founder-Editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy inaugurates, MP Prathap Simha releases book, Prof. M. Krishnegowda speaks about the book, Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, Association President VRC Shekar, social worker Dr. K. Raghuram, Karnataka Muktaka Academy Trust President S. Ramaprasad, Yadugiri Mutt's Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple CEO K.R. Yoganarasimhan and 'Yoga with Srinatha' Founder Dr. Balasundara Srinatha chief guests, Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone:** Annual Meeting 2023-24, Conference on Advantage Mysuru: 'The Partner in Global Growth' - Public Session, CII Mysuru Zone Chairman Sam Cherian, CII Karnataka Imm. Past Chairman Arjun Ranga, CII Kamataka Chairman Vijaykrishnan Venkatesan, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, CII Mysuru Zone Vice-Chairman V. Eswara Rao and CII Karnataka Past Chairman Dr. N. Muthukumar and others will be present, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, **6 pm onwards.**
- **Ganabharathi, Devageetham Charitable Trust, Department of Kannada Culture, Bengaluru and Family members of late C.N. Narayana Rao and Susheelamma:** Hindustani vocal by Vid. Varchas Srinivas, Prabhu Rao on harmonium and Sujendra Rao on tabla, **6 pm to 7.15 pm;** Karnatak vocal by Vidu. Manya, by C.V. Shruthi on violin and ShubhangSamaga on mridanga, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Vocal concert by Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra in memory of B.M. Subbanna, Vid. Anirudh Bharadwaj on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on morching, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt:** Monthly Moonlight Music-264 concert by Vid. Kunnakudi M. Balamuralikrishna, Vid. H.N. Bhaskar (violin), Vid. Arjun Kumar (mridanga) and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam (ghata), Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple, Palace Premises:** Sri Trineshwaraswamy Brahmotsava, Pallaki Utsava Dhwaja Avarohana, Mookabali Pradhana, Temple premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

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